

Arkansas Highways

SEPTEMBER, 1969





Participants in the ribbon cutting were: left to right, Garland Kirkpatrick, Maurice Smith, Mayor Stallings, Miss Jonesboro, Sam Smith, Claude Parton and Joe N. Martin.

Jonesboro Bypass Opened

HIGHWAY 18 EAST, an industrial bypass between Highway 18 and U.S. 63 near the Jonesboro Industrial Park, was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday morning, August 16. Jo Ella Todd, Miss Jonesboro and first runnerup to Miss Arkansas, cut the ribbon. A caravan of antique cars and surreys were the first to traverse the new route. Highway officials present for the ceremony were Commission member Maurice Smith from Bird-eye, Sam Smith of Paragould, District 10 engineer, and Claude Parton, resident engineer on the bypass construction project.

Mayor Neil Stallings, Chamber of Commerce President Garland Kirkpatrick, and Joe N. Martin, Chamber of Commerce Streets and Highways Committee chairman, also participated in the ribbon cutting.

The project, which is about six-tenths of a mile long, was built entirely with state funds at

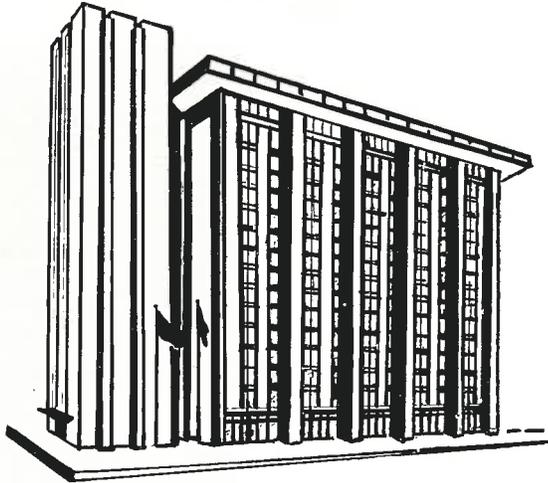
an approximate cost of \$90,000. The bypass, now officially numbered Highway 351, will greatly divert traffic out of the Nettleton area and will relieve congestion on Main Street in Nettleton. A local firm, Vern Barnett Construction Co., Inc., was the contractor.

A dutch luncheon at Luby's followed the dedication ceremonies. Miss Todd entertained with a group of vocal selections.

The Highway Department also has a bypass under construction around the west side of Jonesboro on U.S. 63. It is frequently referred to as the ASU bypass.



Commissioner Smith and Miss Jonesboro at luncheon following road opening ceremony.



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ON THE COVER

Rest area sites have been constructed on I-40 west of DeValls Bluff in the Wattensaw Game Management Area and plans are on the drawing boards for comfort stations to be built later. The road to the left of the interstate was built by the Department to provide access to White River via the Game and Fish Commission boat ramp.

A Big Day



Wynne Mayor Harold Falls.



Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Chief Asst. Chief Engr. B. K. Cooney Club.



Commissioner Smith, master of ceremonies.

Wednesday, August 13 was a big day at Wynne — the new District 1 headquarters building was formally dedicated. The building was completed in June and the move from the old building was made during July.

Despite soaring temperatures during the summer's most severe heat wave, the dedication drew a sizeable crowd. The main building of the headquarters is similar to structures already in use at Batesville, Paragould and Camden. Another of the same type is under construction at Harrison.

Commissioner Maurice Smith of Birdeye acted as master of ceremonies. Wynne Mayor Harold Falls welcomed the group and Commission Chairman Truman Baker of Searcy delivered the dedicatory address. Commissioner John Harsh of Magnolia



The building plaque is officially unveiled.



Other dignitaries present shown Woodruff Co. Judge John Kitt-Catlett (center), Rep. Jimmy Ad- and Stanley Sulcer (right).

At Wynne!!



B. D. Mulhollen, district engineer.



Engr. J. T. Pendergrass and [unclear] during dinner at the Coun-

also spoke briefly. Bill D. Mulhollen is the engineer for the district, which is comprised of Cross, Crittenden, St. Francis, Woodruff, Monroe, Lee and Phillips counties.

Other out-of-town Department personnel on hand for the dedication included Asst. Hwy. Dir. Henry Gray, Chief Engr. J. T. Pendergrass, Asst. Chief Engrs. J. E. Lowder and B. K. Cooper, Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, Staff Photographer Johnnie M. Gray and Pilots Ed Ray and Rudy Peace, all of the central headquarters in Little Rock; Dist. 8 Engr. John Price of Russellville, Dist. 10 Engr. M. S. Smith of Paragould, and Dist. 5 Engr. J. R. Chaney from Batesville.

After the dedication, Falls Equipment Company hosted a dinner for visiting officials at Crowleys Ridge Country Club.



Chairman Baker delivers dedicatory address.



with Commissioners Baker and Smith: [unclear], Monroe Co. Judge Tom Cox, Dist. 16, (second from right)

Mrs. J. R. Chaney, Baker, Mrs. Mulhollen, Mrs. C. M. Matthews, Smith, and Mrs. Ralph Vickers, wife of the assistant maintenance superintendent.



FOUR RECEIVE AWARDS IN JULY

At the July 18 Highway Commission meeting four employees were recognized for a total of one hundred ten years' service.

DELL KENDALL of Springdale has completed 30 years with the Department. He started as a truck driver in 1924 but had several breaks in service due to slack work periods. He is presently assistant maintenance superintendent at Springdale.

Dell was born in neighboring Madison County at Marble and is married to the former Willa Mae McElhaney of Huntsville. He is a member of Springdale First Baptist Church, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Northwest Arkansas Shrine Club of which he is a past president.

WILLIAM C. YEARIAN of Lake Village was first employed by the Department in July, 1938 as a laborer at thirty cents an hour. He has now completed 30 years' service and is a crew leader in Chicot County. He was born at Jamestown in Independence County but has lived virtually all his life at Lake Village. He and his wife, the former Nannie Mae Cunningham, are members of South Side Baptist Church.

PAT HUDDLESTON, chief of Computer Services, has completed 25 years with the Department. His working career has been a rather varied one, having worked for the Department in 1925 as a chainman, later had his own construction company, worked for the Corps of Engineers and during the World War II years, performed defense work.

He rejoined the Highway Department in 1952 as a designer in Roadway Design, was Office Engineer for a time and in 1959 was placed in charge of the Computer Center. In July, 1968 the Computer Center and Data Processing Services were merged into one division called Computer Services and Pat remained at the head of the division. He is a graduate of Paragould High School, Arkansas State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Computer Workshop. He is a registered professional engineer and has also attended Texas College of Mines at El Paso.

Pat is married to the former Madilen Bone of Batesville. They are members of Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church. He is a member of NSPE and the Central Arkansas Chapter of Professional Engineers, of which he is a past secretary.

MILLARD A. LYNN, who has also completed 25 years' service, is a Civil Engineer II. He lives at Fouke and has worked as a rodman, party chief and resident engineer before being promoted to his present position. He graduated from Brightstar-Doddridge High School and studied engineering through correspondence work. Millard is married to the former Melvin Pilgreen of Fouke. He is a member of Sidney Lodge No. 455 at Fouke, Chapter No. 78 of Royal Arch Masons, Joppa Council No. 48, Commandery No. 6 and Knights Templar. Millard says his favorite pastime is watching baseball on television.



KENDALL



YEARIAN



HUDDLESTON



LYNN

HIGHWAYS

OFF LIMITS TO DRUNKEN DRIVERS

EDITORIAL

DRUNKEN DRIVING is one of America's worst enemies. It is the source of grave concern to people in the highway and safety fields the nation over. It is a killer, an elusive killer which evades extermination like a will-o'-the-wisp because it can't be garnered in by group effort, no matter how concerned the groups are.

Nationally, the use of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians was directly involved in more than 25,000 deaths and at least 800,000 crashes last year. Property and income losses from crashes in which alcohol was a factor last year have been estimated at an astounding \$75 billion!

"Alcoholic Driver is Criminal"

Far and above any monetary loss, no matter how stupendous, is another dreadful fact — 44 percent of the fatalities in accidents where alcohol is involved are the innocent-not-at-fault! Dr. Robert Brenner, acting director of the National Highway Safety Bureau, labels the alcoholic driver as a criminal. It's easy to be against drunken, or even drinking, drivers and most everyone who doesn't, is. But what to do about the problem is a problem itself, because a person can consume enough alcohol in a matter of minutes to be a hazard on the highway and any sort of penalty or punishment for his drunken driving and its related accidents, has to come after the dam-

age is done. The solution, then, apparently boils down to being a matter of personal choice and integrity.

Local Tragedy

Only a few days ago in our own state a highway construction employe was killed by a passing motorist as he stepped down from a piece of machinery being used on the road project. He was wearing a hard hat and a safety vest, and was carrying a flag in his hand. Signs warning of construction in the area were set out well in advance of the scene of the accident. The motorist has been charged with drunken driving, reckless driving and manslaughter, but a man, innocently working at his job is dead nevertheless.

Heed "Men Working" Signs

Anyone who travels at all realizes that highways must be maintained. It is the policy of the Arkansas Highway Department to keep one lane of the highway open when maintenance work is in progress whenever and wherever possible, to save motorists the frustration and aggravation of detours. Therefore, caution signs are placed well in advance of a job to warn motorists to slow down and proceed with caution and according to the flagman if one is on duty. Please heed the signs and flagman when approaching work in progress. Don't make the construction worker's job a hazard because of your carelessness or disdain.

Really Rubbish!!

During the first eight months of 1969 maintenance forces collected 2,490 loads of rubbish from the state's highways at a total cost of \$69,633. Manhours to collect and dispose of a load of litter averages 11.0 and costs an average of \$25.78 per load.

Drive-Ins One of Worst Sources of Litter

Drive-in restaurants have become just as much a part of the American way of life as its precursor, the hamburger, but drive-ins doubtless contribute more to the misery of highway litter collectors than any other single type of business. Consider an average order for four people at a carry-out restaurant: 4 hamburgers, 4 orders of potatoes and 4 colas. The order will be packaged about thus:

- 4 burger wrappers
- 4 cardboard containers for potatoes

- 4 cola cups
- 4 cola cup tops
- 4 straws
- 4 wrappers for straws
- 4 catsup servers
- 4 salt packages
- 4 pepper packages
- 1 paper bag for hamburgers and potatoes
- 1 paper bag or box for colas
- 4 napkins (at least)

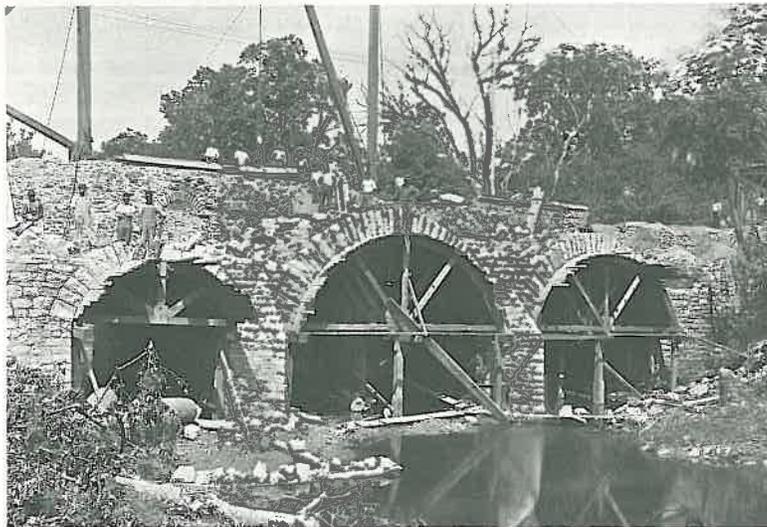
A total of at least 42 disposable items!

Virtually all paper used by carry-out eateries are waxed, so that if it is tossed out on the highway, it will lay in the grass for months and months until it is picked up and will not dissolve

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There
and Everywhere



City of Philadelphia photo. From the collection of Andrew W. Maginnis.

PENNSYLVANIA — The U. S. 13 bridge over Pennypack Creek in Philadelphia is believed to be the oldest bridge in daily traffic use in the U. S. today. It was constructed in 1697 by order of the Provincial Council. This picture was made in 1893 when the bridge was widened to accommodate trolley tracks. It was widened a second time in 1955 to meet increased traffic needs.

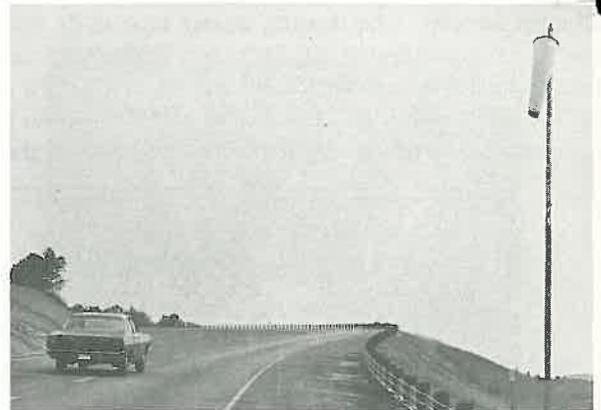
MICHIGAN — During construction of the Fisher Freeway in Detroit two helicopters were employed last fall to hover over the roadbed and use their rotors as king-size fans for two days to dry out the subgrade. Such an extreme and expensive measure was decided upon as an alternative so that concrete could be poured before frost, thus avoiding a long and more expensive delay on the project.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Highway Director Morris Hallock has delayed mowing interstate highway ditches and slopes until after September 1 this year because the pheasant population in that state particularly likes the road slopes as nesting places in the summer. The Game, Fish and Parks Department had criticized the highway commission for early mowing, saying it destroyed many nesting pheasants.

THE MORE YOU DRIVE, THE LESS IT COSTS per mile, so says the American Automobile Association. A recent study shows that it costs 14.5¢ per mile to drive 10,000 miles per year, but only 9.2¢ per mile to drive 20,000 miles annually, based on the operation of a 1969 standard auto in the medium price range.

WEST VIRGINIA — The last beam has been hoisted into place to close the steel superstructure of a bridge being built across the Ohio River to replace the Silver Bridge between Point Pleasant, West Va. and Kanauga, Ohio on December 15, 1967, killing 64 persons. The new four-lane structure is expected to be open by December of this year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — This spring the Traffic Division of the New Hampshire Highway Department installed some unusual advance warning signs at two separate hillside locations on I-89 — a pair of wind socks! They will serve as an alert to motorists traveling the high ground country of that area to the possibility of encountering strong westerly crosswinds which are occasionally deflected up the interstate slopes from the valley floor below. Crosswinds are particularly dangerous to travel trailers and light weight vehicles.



RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION FORMED

29 Employees Members

The newly-formed Arkansas Chapter of the American Right-of-Way Association received its charter from National Vice President Karl E. Baetzner of Washington during a banquet for members and their wives held at the Albert Pike Hotel on August 28. Special guests included Little Rock Mayor Haco Boyd and Attorney General Joe Purcell.

The American Right-of-Way Association was formed to improve the educational and professional recognition of men working in all phases of right of way acquisition. The Arkansas Chapter has seventy-two members, of whom twenty-nine are Highway Department employees. Several A.H.D. members hold offices of responsibility within the chapter, which meets bi-monthly. The Highway employees are:

James Bartlett, Finance Committee; Paul Broyles, Bill Courtney, John Culpepper, National Director; Arthur Emmerling (retired from R.O.W. Div.), President; Henry C. Gray; Robert Hamilton, Professional Development Committee and W. E. Hayes.

Also Herbert E. Hooten, Professional Development Committee; Glendol Jackson, Membership Committee; James T. Johnson, Thomas Keys, Law and Legislation Committee; Don Martin, Bryan McArthur, H. K. McMurrrough, J. C. Merritt, Billy Pease, Carl Petz, Gip Robertson, Jr., Charles Scott, Otis Shelton, Robert Shockley, Fred Sloan, Kenneth Suthmer, Alton Van Patten, Walker Watson, Frank Wiggins, Fred Williams and Henry Williams.



Baetzner (right) presents charter to President Emmerling.



Highway employes at the banquet included: Front row left to right: Fred Williams, Bob Hamilton, Jim Bartlett and Edmond Shelton. Back row: Alton Van Patten, John Culpepper, Glendol Jackson, Arthur Emmerling (ret.) and Paul Broyles.

CASH

Appre Road Gas



Ark-La Pres. Witt Stephens turns on the gas for Cash residents.



Mayor K. G. Harlan addresses the group.

Commissioners Smith (left) and Baker (right) chat with Joe Martin, chairman of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce Highways and Streets committee (second from left) and Witt Stephens.

Maurice Smith, Truman Baker and Robert Harvey is seen in the back-



ciates Surfacing,

The little community of Cash near Jonesboro turned out en masse on September 12 to show their appreciation for a contract let by the Highway Department in July to improve and surface 5.5 miles of Highway 226, and the completion of a pipeline which brings natural gas 458 miles from Oklahoma to Cash.

After a fish fry enjoyed by a large crowd of residents and a number of visitors, W. R. (Witt) Stephens officially lighted the gas. In turn, he was proclaimed an honorary citizen of Cash.

The Highway Commission was praised for authorizing the Highway 226 project, which when completed, will afford motorists a hard surfaced road all the way from Cash to Swift-on. The project will cost an estimated \$325,000.

Highway officials present were Commissioners Truman Baker of Searcy and Maurice Smith of Birdeye, District 10 Engineer M. S. Smith III of Paragould, District 1 Engineer Bill Mulhollen of Wynne, Maint. Supt. Jim Tucker of Wynne and Asst. Dir. Henry Gray of Little Rock. Bureau of Public Roads Div. Engr. Rex Leathers of Little Rock was also present.



Mrs. Sarah Jackson provided after-dinner entertainment.

Henry Gray help themselves. Sen. ground.



Dist. Engrs. Bill Mulhollen (left) and Sam Smith, and Jim Tucker getting prepared to put on the feed bag.





LETTERS

(The following delightful letter and pictures received from former employe Henry Kirchoff, together with a lovely greeting card and a picture postcard of a breath-taking view of Pike's Peak, were a joy to receive. We appreciate Henry's thoughtfulness.)

*Willow Springs, Ill.
1300 87th St.
Sept. 10, 1969*

Colorado Springs, Colo.

*Arkansas State Highway Comm.
Little Rock,
Ark.*

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me a map of your state highways?

We have one from 1966 but on our trip out there this past July it has gotten pretty well worn out.

We intend to return this October and would like to have a new one for our use then.

Let me first add that we love the rustic beauty and well kept highways of your state and intend to retire there in about 4 years. We are going down to purchase a piece of property in Eureka Springs this October.

We were amazed on our last trip in July at all the roads through out the state since our previous visit in 1952 when we first fell in love with the Ozark country in Arkansas.

Keep up the good work - you are sure to become a very prosperous state in the near future not only because of the wonderful improvement in roads but your beautiful lakes also help and much construction of homes and industries that is going on.

My sincere compliments to your state officials for their progress and may they continue to be progressive for many more years.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Thomas Greenwood*

*Greetings, Regards and Best Wishes to
All my Old A.H.D. Friends,
From "Home Amongst the Mountains" in good ole Colorado Springs, Colorado, and I really enjoy the Highways Magazine. I believe it gets better all the time.*

Just want to say "hi" to all, and enclosing some "snaps" so that some of my friends, especially those at my "ole alma mater - Central Shops - won't forget "Old Baldy." Maybe you can use the pictures to fill in some extra space. If not, they'll fit nicely in the wastebasket. Didn't cost but two-bits.

My prayers and best wishes for all,

*Henry B. Kirchoff
YMCA, 206 E. Bijou
Colo. Springs, Colo. 80902*



OBITUARIES

C. M. BENZ

C. M. Benz, resident engineer at Searcy, died Monday, September 1. He had been with the Highway Department 19 years. He was a Mason and a Methodist. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 3 at Daniel Funeral Chapel in Searcy and burial was in White County Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rose Marie Doll Benz; two sons, Robert Van Benz of Pine Bluff and William Frank Benz of North Little Rock, and a brother, Ralph A. Benz of Pennsylvania.



HENRY MERCER, JR.

Henry C. Mercer, Jr., 48, a draftsman in the Mapping Section of the Planning and Research Division, died suddenly on Thursday evening, September 11 at his home. He was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 1 at Griffin-Leggett Chapel. Pallbearers were Bob Jett, Glenn Jett, Joe Lovell, Marlin Powell, Pete Benetz, Jr. and Charles Frazier. Honorary pallbearers were employees of the Planning and Research Division. Interment was in Pine Crest Memorial Park.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Zimmerebner Mercer; three sons, Henry C. Mercer III, Edward Martin Mercer and John Robert Mercer; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Burks and Miss Elizabeth Ann Mercer, all of Little Rock; his father, Henry C. Mercer, Sr. of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, William Mercer of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Estelle Alexander of Denver, Col., and Mrs. Amelia Byers and Mrs. Essie Bailey of San Diego, Calif. and one grandson.



WE'RE NO. 1 !!!



Wayne Wood, Terry Carty and J. R. Hollis check the grade on U. S. 63 bypass in Jonesboro.

Blacktopping on U. S. 63 bypass of Marked Tree. The project is expected to be open for traffic by Thanksgiving.

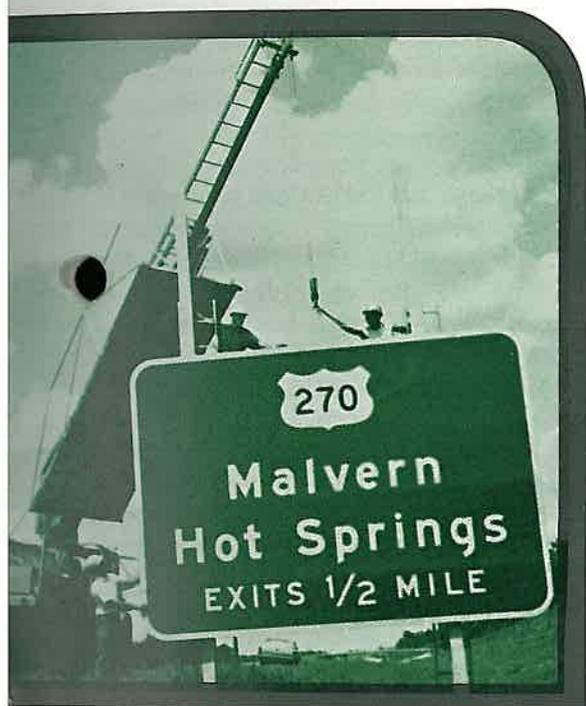




Fill material is loaded onto an earthmover for use on the Camden bypass.

ARKANSAS IS NO. 1 in the obligation of Federal-aid funds to road construction, a fact that "... we can all be proud of," according to Highway Director Ward Goodman.

Information compiled by the Bureau of Public Roads shows that as of August 1 the Arkansas Highway Department has obligated 82 percent of all Federal-aid funds for the construction of primary, secondary, urban and interstate roads. Arkansas has obligated 99 percent of the federal funds available for interstate construction alone.

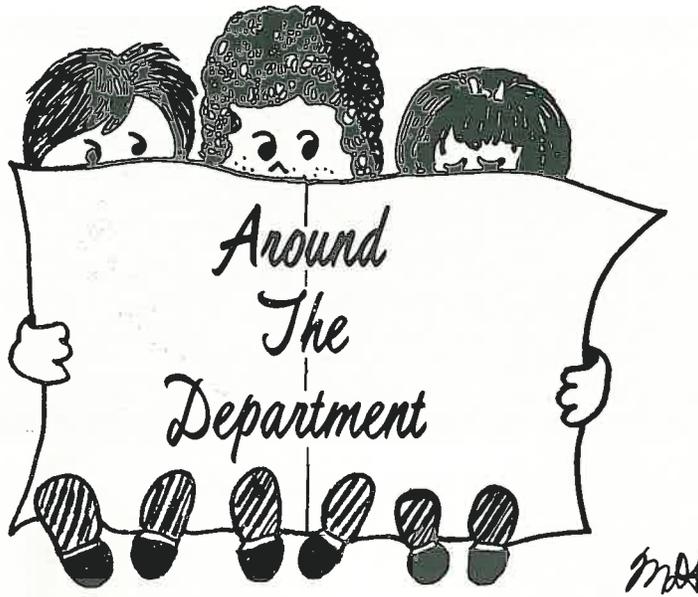


Sign crew hoists an exit sign on to place on I-30 near the U. S. 270 exit at Malvern. Johnny Ussery and V. W. Brewer guide the sign upward while Foreman Hubert Loyd, left, watches and Asst. Sign Supt. Chester Jester appears to be holding up his corner.



Instrumentman James Pounders records grade on the Jonesboro bypass.

WAKE UP



*Sometimes we long to touch a dream,
To taste its rich, sweet blend of cream,
To have and hold what cannot be,
To live each day in symphony.*

*Dreams all end, the cream will sour,
For Life can't be an ivory tower.
One must learn to solve without regret
Challenges faced and fully met,
Live with what we have, and do all
we can,
For Life, not dreams, can make a man.*

I saw **Claudis Bryant** of the Traffic Division in the hall the morning of September 12, looking hale and hearty and sans a few pounds, also becoming. Claudis returned to work September 2 after a 2½ months' recuperation from a heart attack.

Friends of **Johnnie Beavers** will be happy to learn that he went home from the hospital on September 18. His spirit is irrepressible.

Liz Jacobs is a bright new face in Procurement where she has been employed as Frank Caple's secretary. She was formerly a secretary with the Polaroid Company for six years. Her husband Charles is with Alcoa. They live at Benton and have three children; John, 13, Lisa, 10 and Vince, 2½.



Liz Jacobs

Flair is a word which fits Liz. She likes to paint and draw and is a poet worthy of note, all because she seems to have a flair for it. Herewith are two of her poems, selected with difficulty from a collection, all of which are good.

THE BOY

*He watched with great intensity,
as the ship was being carved,
the old man's fingers . . . nimble yet,
tho' wrinkled, worn and scarred.*

*They sat among the timeworn rocks
where many spawn had drowned,
sea slapping at their quiet retreat
upon the shell-stormed ground.*

*Phe . . witt, phe . . witt, went the knife
as it cleaned away the wood,
until from the splintered branch
a great, tall, ship soon stood.*

*Boy . . all dreamy-eyed, declared
he would man just such a ship,
and it would ride the highest waves
yet never make a slip.*

*The old sailor chuckled proud
and viewed the work he'd done,
then quietly passed his handicraft
to his young grandson.*

Johnnie Gray and family vacationed in Alabama and Georgia, his old stomping grounds, in August. They also went up into Tennessee to Lookout Mountain at Chattanooga and other points of interest. Johnnie used the occasion to break in a pretty, new green Impala with black vinyl top.

In the Stork Department, both **Robert Mayhugh** and **David Cook** have new babies. David's arrived first, on August 29, a little boy named Darren David. The Cooks have two other children, a daughter 8, and a son 5. **Rebecca Ellen Mayhugh** was born September 8. Robert and his wife have a little boy 2½, also. **Virginia Williams** has a new baby, too, you might say. Her son Ken and his wife Susan have a little daughter, Amy Elizabeth, who was born Saturday, September 13. When their 2½-year-old Casey was told he could hold the new baby when she came home from the hospital, Casey, showing a tinge of jealousy, replied, "Uh-uh...let her walk by herself!"

John Helgen, our faithful reporter from Final Estimates, called on the phone to report that he and his wife enjoyed a wonderful trip to Mesa, Ariz. to help his parents celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. A not-so-wonderful follow-up to the trip was some necessary surgery which John has survived and will soon be back to work.

Joan Niehaus in Traffic had the misfortune to be the victim of a rear end collision while on the way home from work September 12 and is hospitalized with whip lash. Hope it clears up soon.

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BRIDGE DESIGN

by Willie Whitmire



CONSTRUCTION

by Luci Dishongh

NINTH FLOOR WEST

by Marie D. Wano

AUGUST

It seems that everyone has either gone or is planning to go on vacation. Frank Harrison did what everyone dreams of doing — just stayed at home and rested, then took in the Miss Arkansas Pageant during a July vacation.

Our division's most eligible bachelor, Dale Loe, spent the last two weeks of July touring the western part of the United States.

While sitting here I said to myself, "Self, do you realize that there are only a few days until hunting season opens again? It is time to start practicing with the ole bow and to oil the ole double barrel. You'd better get the rust off the ole six-shooter, too!" By the way, my pack of beagles are in top shape. Anyone care for a little rabbit hunting?

SEPTEMBER

Since the last writing we have lost two Bridge Design engineers. James Penn left the Department to become a part of Varco Pruden Manufacturing Co. at Pine Bluff, and Gary Ashley left for a six months' tour with Uncle Sam. We are expecting Gary back, though, after he "serves his time."

Oh, boy! just look out the window. The leaves are starting to change color! Hunting season is just a few days away! This, to me, is the most beautiful time of the year.

Stop and think a minute — you need to fix the windows, cut wood, bat the cracks, winterize your car, put on mud and snow tires, get winter clothes out of storage, buy school clothes — there is just no end to what needs to be done.

Of course college kids get out of line now and then — you can't picket all the time.

A picnic was enjoyed at the Lake-wood pavilion in North Little Rock on Saturday afternoon, August 23, for the families of the Construction Division to get acquainted with our new assistant construction engineers, Charles Mitchell and Norman Pumphrey, and their families. Those who attended were Don and Alice Cahoone, D. J., Becky, Sonsa, Sally and Darla; Charles and Patsy Mitchell, Michelle, Pamela and Chuck; Norman and Bobbie Pumphrey, Butch, Gregg and David; Hurley and Wilma Perkins, David and Bobbie Moore, Logan, Rhonda Gail and Daniel, and Raymond Jones. Most of the children and a few adults enjoyed a swim in the lake, but the picnic was enjoyed by all.

Geraldine Kissire has another grandson, Ronnie Lynn Kissire, born August 2. His mother, the former Pat Venable, worked in the District 6 office a few years ago. His father, Robert Kissire, is director of the Hot Springs Boys Club and at this time is attending a seminar for persons in that profession being held in New York City.

Gerry's daughter, Mrs. Al Cashion and two children from Sikeston, Mo., have been visiting with her.

Luci is happy to announce that Mr. Marcel is the father of six children, all beautiful!

(We might add a note of enlightenment to the last paragraph - Mr. Marcel is from the house of Poodle, S. Poodle to be exact, the "S" standing for Silver. Ed)



"No, it's not the 'five o'clock rush' — it's those who leave earlier to avoid the 'five o'clock rush'. . . !"

Millie Houston's son Pat had his tonsils removed and has recovered. We are happy to say that both mother and son are doing fine.

Jerry Lewis will be leaving us the end of September to await the arrival of her second child. She looks forward to being a full-time hausfrau for awhile.

Marvin Staton built a new patio with an unusual fountain and waterfall — all original and from his own ideas. He commented, "It's so peaceful and soothing." We're thinking of calling him "K.O." because any time the zerox machine acts up and starts asking for help, its plea in flashing red light reads: "CALL KEY OPERATOR", who happens to be Marvin.

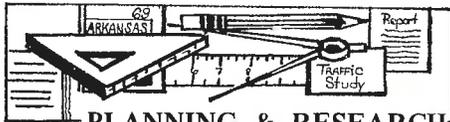
Katherine Jones' mother, Mrs. J. C. Ashley of Melbourne, had foot surgery and recuperated at Katherine's home. She is now back at Melbourne and getting along very well.

Bob Mattox vacationed at Padre Island off Corpus Christi with his family and relatives. Can't imagine what they did down there but they allegedly managed to get away before two 2-man subs were seen hunting for a sunken Spanish galleon and its treasure. Texas was about ready to declare martial law and now has 24-hour patrols covering the Gulf around the whole Padre Island area.

BEFORE YOU PICK UP A STRANGER. . .

. . . THINK! A year-long study of the New Jersey Turnpike found the following among hitchhikers:

- 162 runaways
- 98 military AWOL's
- 7 escapees from mental institutions
- 5 escaped convicts, and
- 50 people with criminal fingerprint records!



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Penny Bullock

We welcome Susan Cansdale to the front office of Planning and Research. She transferred to us from the Accounting Division. Susan is a newlywed and lives in Little Rock. She likes to ski (snow and water) and enjoys sports cars.



Susan Cansdale

We also welcome Larry Watson, who started to work September 2 as a road inventory technician in the Current Planning Section. He has attended State College of Arkansas and makes his home in Sheridan. He is single and enjoys sports such as hunting, fishing, football, and tennis.



Larry Watson

Howard Snow has returned from two weeks' military leave at Washington, D. C. While there he had the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian Institute.

Congratulations go to the Salem Junior Girls' Softball team, who won first place in the County Tournament and first place in the Round Robin League play. Polly Cloud's husband was manager of the team and short stop and first baseman belong to Polly.

A retirement party was given for J. A. "Pete" Powell on August 15, for 16 years of service in the Planning and Research Division. We presented him a fishing rod. Pete stated that he plans to keep active by running his real estate business.



J. A. "Pete" Powell

Florence Routh and family went on vacation to Mississippi. She had intended to do a lot of swimming and loafing at their motel but due to Hurricane Camille, plans went amuck.

Charlie Parsons' birthday was celebrated early since it falls on Labor Day.

We were sorry to lose David Walker, our helper in the Economics Section, who had to leave for the Army. He plans to return when his "hitch" is over and we shall be delighted to welcome him back.

Pete Benetz and family enjoyed four days of camping out on Greer's Ferry Lake.

The Mapping Section has two new employes, Stella Owen who will be doing commercial artwork and map scribing, and Darrel Dobbins, a cartographer. Stella

is a native of Little Rock, who graduated from Central in 1966 and completed an art course at the Arkansas Art Center. Darrel, his wife Sylvia, and their son Timothy Bryon have just moved to Arkansas from Gallipolis, Ohio. He has completed four years in the Air Force as a draftsman and was also associated with Piedmont Aerial Surveys as a cartographer.



Darrel Dobbins, left, and Stella Owen

Mayo White and his family went on vacation to the coal mining regions of Kentucky on a religious campaign in connection with the Church of Christ. From all reports, the campaign was a great success.

We are happy to have W. S. Harper, W. G. Ward, and A. A. Beck who will be working in the Current Planning Section with the Road Inventory crew. W. G. Ward transferred to our Division from the Traffic Division.

Leroy Beckett and his wife Mary Ruth attended the first reunion of Leroy's old W. W. II Company, the 673rd Engr. Topo. Co., August 1-2 at Nashville, Tenn. A warm welcome was extended to the men and their families by the Governor and U. S. senator of Tennessee and the mayor of Nashville. The wives evidenced as much enjoyment as the men did, who recalled experiences during the European campaigns of 1944-45. Old pictures were shown and tall tales were exchanged. Plans were made for future and bigger affairs.

Helen McNutt, with daughter Julia Jones and grandchildren, visited her other daughter, Capt. Helen E. McNutt at San Antonio. After visiting many historic and scenic places there, they returned through Oklahoma by way of the Talimena Drive.

June Brown and her family are on vacation this week. Their plans were to go to Florida or down into Texas toward Galveston.

Morris Smith reports for two weeks of Army Summer Camp in Georgia on September 7. Good luck to you, Morris--hope they aren't too rough on you!

Nathan "Neb" Bingham was on vacation the first of August. From what we hear, he played lots of golf and lay around the house. What nicer things could one do but relax?

LABOR DAY weekend outings:

Bill Looney and family at Greer's Ferry--Still didn't catch any trout?

Charlie and Bennie Parsons visited their parents in Howard County.

Jim and Joyce Gilbert visited his parents in Hope.

Fernie Speights and her mother visited her mother's sister in Muskogee, Okla.

Troyce Wilson, along with husband Art and children Kathy and Craig, attended the "Wilson clan" picnic on Labor Day. They report having loads of fun and said there was lots of good food. (Our spy tells us that when Mr. Wilson was asked how he liked the eggplant casserole, he said it was the best ever. But when others were asked, they didn't remember even seeing any such casserole. - - - Really, Mr. Wilson ! !)

PROCUREMENT

by Liz Jacobs

"Hats off to the AHD Magazine Staff" . . . While thumbing through a few back copies, I was amazed at the beauty of the entire magazine. It was wholly entertaining from front cover to the "Guess Where" on the back.

Being both new to reporting and to AHD, this month's report may lack a little of the full treatment it deserves (that's my excuse for this time anyway). Our section has really been brewing with activity this summer. . . . busy, busy, busy. We have a couple of new people, including myself, trips being taken, babies expected, and Norma Hawk has added another star to her many, many beauty contest titles. She walked away with the

best talent at Hot Springs, and if we had been the judges, she would be in Atlantic City this week, competing in the Miss America Pageant. We are extremely proud of you, Norma!

Gail Fisher left us the last of July due to illness, but I am happy to report she is rapidly improving. The doctor told her she could slowly resume some of her household duties now. She must have a marvelous husband, for while Gail was in the hospital, he kept both children and all of the trimmings that go with being "Mom" while "Mom" is gone. One of the little ones came down with the measles, and the other refused to eat. Don't you know it was a thrilling day when Gail got back home. We sure miss you here Gail!

Our blushing groom of a little over a month, Lewis Wade, is vacationing this week. He is doing a small amount of traveling. . . . from the bottom of a ladder to the top. . . house painting. He issued invitations to everyone in the Section to come help, but I don't believe anyone felt the inclination to break in on such a perfect vacation plan.

The boss has taken a couple of days' vacation to attend the Magician's Convention in Texas. . . . and you wouldn't believe the magic it did for the office. . . just kidding, Mr. Caple, we are all working hard. . . . since you forgot to take Mr. Cox with you.

Patsy Navens must have had a good time on her trip to Iowa, for she was exhausted when she arrived back. . . but all smiles. Was it the company you kept, or the scenery that made the trip so enjoyable?

Lewis Warren took his family vacationing in Arkansas around Harrison, to Dogpatch, Silver Dollar City, etc. I think he has the right idea -- we should all visit Arkansas's fine tourist spots first, and then advertize by word of mouth the various attractions tourists may find in our beautiful state.

Bernie Cox and his family took a tour through Tennessee and North Carolina to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Seems it was a trip well worth his money. . . . all he had! He said he hasn't had to worry about money problems since then.

The Lem Kirkpatrick's visited their daughter and family in Houston. I think,

however, what impressed Lem most was the fast jet service from Houston to Little Rock, less than an hour. He will be a grandpa sometime in November, and if he spoils the baby half as much as he does everyone in our office. . . that kid hasn't got a chance!



Tommie Ellis

Tommie Ellis is a new employe here in Little Rock. She transferred from the Fort Smith district office, so some of you may already know her. Tommie is married, and has two beautiful daughters. Welcome! Tommie. Yours truly came to work August 1. I am married, have three wonderful children, and an equally wonderful husband. Since I can't say welcome to myself without causing a few raised eyebrows, I will say its wonderful to be a part of the AHD Family, and I think I hit the jackpot when I landed in Procurement!

We're having to say goodbye this week to Linda Edgren (she's our little summertime girl), because the school doors are opening again at Valparaiso University. Linda, if you do as well in college as you did working with us this summer, you should make the Dean's List easily. Best of luck to you, and we look forward to seeing you again next summer. We gave Linda a going-away party the 29th, and presented her a warm, snug, feet-in-and-all pair of p. j.'s. She will be the hit of the dorm in those, and one thing for sure, they can't arrest her for indecent exposure!

Ted Device, who will be a new "poppa" any day now, is sleeping with one foot on the floor at night, and a

hand on the phone during the day. We expect to hear news also any time now from Lou Hardy, who is awaiting the stork. I still find it hard to work in Lou's and Gail's shadows. I feel like I will really have to get in and pitch to receive the praise these girls get from everyone everywhere. I'm truly sorry I missed working with them.

Just realized that that covers almost all our crew! The only two who didn't make the news were Glenda McIntyre and Joyce Lee. . . . Well, somebody had to stay here and do the work! Feel the pat on the back girls? Next month we may have some pictures to show off. Won't we, Ted?



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V. O. Campbell, assistant division head in the Traffic Division, is hospitalized with foot trouble.

Joyce and Gick Spencer took Billy to enroll at Anderson (Ind.) College for his second year there, then they all went up to the Great Lakes area for a few days' relaxation.

Secondary Roads reporter Barbara Oldham has been up on Cloud 9 buying drapes, etc. with the usual flurry that precedes moving into the first new home. She and Jim have bought a place on Impala Drive south of Baseline Road. Happy house payments to you for the next forty years!



Administrative Section

By Linda Trogden

Ask Nathan Garrett what a kick he got out of the dove hunt Labor Day.

A. C. Ledbetter slides right out to his car without any trouble since he acquired his banana antenna.

The best of luck goes out to Retha Griffin's son, Terry, who is beginning his teaching career at Glen Rose School this year. We all know how proud she is of him.

Your reporter is a new girl in the file room. My husband Mike and I live in North Little Rock. We enjoyed a trip to New Orleans, La. over the Labor Day weekend.

Acquisition Section

By Phyllis Erwin

August

Ken Wiscaver was employed in our office in June as property manager. He comes to us from Arkansas Abstract Co. Ken is a native of Wilma, Ark. but has lived in Little Rock six years. He and his wife Bobbie reside at 7500 Skylark Drive. We are happy to have you with us, Ken.



Ken Wiscaver

Fred Sloan and his wife took a two-week vacation to Los Alamos, N. Mex. June 23 — July 3 to visit relatives. They reported they had a very nice time.

September

A farewell party was given by the Right of Way Division for L. M. Elledge who retired from the Acquisition Section the end of August. He was presented an electric shoeshine kit from the Division and a portable bar by the Acquisition Section. Mr. Elledge came to work for the Highway Department on February 2, 1962. He will be missed on the 7th floor. Mr. and Mrs. Elledge will leave for a tour of Europe in early fall. Bon Voyage ! !



Mr. and Mrs. Elledge display gifts.



Elledge received ambassador of goodwill certificate from R. O. W. Chief Gip Robertson, Jr.

Acquisition also gave a farewell party for Linda Randolph. She was given an electric coffeemaker by the Section. Linda was married to Larry Barnes in a wedding ceremony at Geyer Springs Baptist Church August 23. They are now residing in Fayetteville, where Larry is a student at the University of Arkansas. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Randolph. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyne Barnes. All are of Little Rock.



Hostesses Donna Barbee (left), Carolyn West (center), and Linda Randolph with honoree. That's quite an armful of girls, Mr. Elledge!

Phyllis Smith Erwin came from the Administrative Section to replace Linda Barnes in Acquisition.



Rusty Kauffman

A new addition to the Relocation Section is Robert "Rusty" Kauffman, 22, from Benton, Ark. Two weeks prior to coming to the Highway Department, Rusty was married to Dianne Velchoff of Magnolia. Both are graduates of Southern State at Magnolia. Rusty is a kicking

specialist for the Arkansas Diamonds professional football team. He also likes baseball and received the All-Conference award while attending Southern State. The Kauffmans are residing in Little Rock.

Engineering Section

By Janice Hartman

VACATIONS: Fred Williams and his wife Nina went to Nina's parents, then on to Six Flags for the rest of their vacation. From what we hear they really had a nice time.

Vic Winchess, his wife Sue, and their daughter Susie went to Texarkana to visit with relatives, then came back to Little Rock and "just laid around" for the rest of their vacation.

Paul Broyles went to summer camp for two weeks, then took one week of vacation leave.

Steve Crook has been coming in every day asking us if we think he has lost any weight. Of course, we always say yes. Steve's gone on an extensive diet. We all kid him about it, but it's nice to buy a new shirt a size smaller and it still be too big. Isn't it, Steve? Since Steve has gone on this diet, everyone in Engineering who is the least bit overweight has gone on the same diet, even our boss, Glendol Jackson.



Jerry Glen Jackson

Glendol finally got his wish . . . his wife Gerry presented him a little baby boy on August 13. He has been named Jerry Glen. Glendol in turn presented Jerry Glen the boat paddle we told you

about in the May issue.

(For the benefit of readers who missed the May issue, the paddle is for paddling Glendol's boat while he fishes, not for paddling Jerry Glen. When you think about it, Jerry is a lucky fellow. With jobs hard to come by these days, not every youngster has a job waiting for him when he becomes a teenager, especially the day he is born! Ed.)

Glendol's son Johnny was privileged to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree held this year at Farragut State Park near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where some 40,000 scouts and leaders met for the seventh such meeting. Several interesting side trips were planned for the Arkansas group which departed from Hot Springs on August 11. They toured the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Boulder Dam, and Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone National Parks.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Carl Keehn and all of his family in the death of his mother, Mrs. Albert Keehn.

Relocation Section

By Phyllis Erwin

August

Don Galloway is a new employe in this Section. He was formerly a branch manager with Industrial Finance and Thrift Co. of New Orleans, La. He is a native of West Helena. Don is single and resides at 5622 "B" St. in Little Rock. We in Relocation are happy to have Don with us.



Don Galloway



ROADWAY DESIGN

by *Benny Robbins*

This reporter and family went to Old Mexico this summer for our vacation. An experience we will never forget (ugh!) was the bull fights. Other than that we had a wonderful time.

Bill Hurt and family spent some time in London, England. To be exact, Bill's wife Sheila and daughters Susan, 14 and Barbara, 4, spent all summer over there. Bill joined them over there. They traveled all over and had a very good time. They visited with Sheila's family and friends. Her home is Norwich, England, which is 100 miles north of London. Much time was spent sight-seeing in different parts of England.

All three of our summer employes, Glenn Wilson, Jim Patrick and John McSwain, have gone back to school. We were glad to have them work with us this summer.

Brooks Nichols and family enjoyed a trip to eastern Kentucky. As we hear it, they had to rough it but the trip was a huge success.



Phil Hutchison

Frank Hutchison's son Philip, who is a member of the Capitol City Chapter of the Order of De Molay, was honored when his chapter received the Grand

Master's Trophy for the outstanding chapter in Arkansas for the past year. Philip, 17, will be a senior at Central High School this year where he is student director of the pep band.

Chester Siesicki's wife Ruth received her masters degree in science at Texas Womens University at Denton, Texas, August 22, 1969. We know Ruth is proud of this achievement and we are happy for her. Chester attended the commencement program.



Richard Siegler

Richard Siegler took his vacation fishing and sightseeing in Florida. He took his uncle, William Siegler and family with him. Having been gone two weeks, he was glad to be home. He told us some tall fish stories. We said, prove it. He did!

Hugh Treese's daughter Dianna became Mrs. Dale Outlaw on August 16, at Asbury Methodist Church in Little Rock. Dale is attending State College of Arkansas at Conway and the couple is living in Little Rock. Lots of luck.

Jim Cottingham is recuperating at home now after being in the hospital. We hope Jim will be back with us soon.



Dave Beebe, Left and Bob Green

We had two new employes join our Division in August. We welcome Dave Beebe and Bob Green.

If you feel real brave, ask Robert Thomas about the weekend he and his wife took their three grandchildren over to Hot Springs to camp out. I guess they really had a time (good or bad?)

Fred Pulliam's daughter Roxanna and her eleven month-old daughter are here visiting from California. To hear Fred tell it, she is the sweetest angel there is, and rightly so. They will be leaving in about a week, that is if Grandpa will let them.

Paul Debusk passed his professional engineer examination in June. We are all proud of his accomplishment.

SECONDARY ROADS
by *Barbara Oldham*

In September, Asst. Div. Head Max Hall received his 15 year pin and certificate. B. K. Cooper presented them to him. We all enjoyed Mr. Cooper's talk and Max's cake. Max says after 15 years on the job he was most happy to know that he is now earning 1½ days leave each month. Congratulations and best of luck in the coming years.



Max Hall (left), and B. K. Cooper

Marvin Griffin had a short stay in the hospital in August. Glad to have Marvin back with the "working people."

Jerry Bobeck was on vacation in August. Jerry says he did not go anywhere special but had a nice time being away from "us" for a week.

Don and Oleda Potter are having a good time getting used to their new home in Alexander. We are happy for them and all plan to swarm on them unexpectedly. So, watch out, Don! He combined moving and vacation. Anyone who has moved lately can sympathize with Don. *(The strangest things happen to folks who move out to the country. . . .)*

 **DISTRICT** 
by Sharon Bailey

August

Congratulations to Pierce W. McCorkle and Millard A. Lynn on reaching 25 years with the Department, Arthur Glen Owens for 15 years, and Homer C. Allen for 5 years.

Claude Dunne, who was our assistant resident engineer in the Hope interstate residency, was promoted to resident engineer at West Helena July 1. Congratulations on your promotion and we all wish you the best of luck in your new venture. If you ever get back down to the "sticks", come by and see us.

Woodrow Brown, a patrol operator with our Lafayette County crew, and his wife wrote the following poem for their son Jimmie who was two years old on July 29. We'd like to share it with you.

Our Little Lad

*His eyes are bright, his laugh is gay,
His only care is what game to play.
He was but two the other day -
Our little lad.*

*The years will just pass away,
Then we'll look at his age.*

*His age will number twenty-four,
His birthday cakes we'll bake no more
For other hands will accept that chore -
Our little lad.*



Jimmie Brown

September

Clifton Sharpe, who works in our Howard County crew, is in the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock recovering from a heart attack. We would like for him to know that our thoughts are with him and we hope that he is at home by the time this news is printed.

On July 17 we had a surprise party for our boss, John Tallant, Asst. Maint. Supt. Charles Webb, and Shop Foreman Clovis Tittle. The reason? Would you believe the Department has put up with these three *wonderful* guys for 20 years! Anyway, we thought it was such an accomplishment that we decided to surprise them with cake and coffee. Our guests included Mesdames Lucille Tallant, Bobbie Webb, Chloie Tittle and Darlene Belknap, and Messrs. Jim Lowder who presented Mr. Tallant his certificate, Bert Rownd, Paul Steward, John Hall and "Smitty" Smith. All of the district headquarters personnel and quite a few from surrounding areas enjoyed the occasion with us.



Webb, Tallant and Tittle

I had the pleasure of attending a fish fry which was held out under the trees by the Guernsey Weight Station. Those in attendance, and the ones who staged this feast, were Henry Burke, Steve Atkins, Jim Robinson, Lee Jarvis, Jack Coffee, Tim Marlar and Joe Keesey who had the misfortune of having to work that afternoon. Guests were John Tallant, Clovis Tittle, my daughter Karen, Hope City Police Chief Alvin Willis, James Luck and Ambrose Robinson. Steve Atkins made a delicious salad and homemade dressing, which we all sampled heartily, and he said he caught all of the fish. Tim Marlar did a wonderful job of cooking the fish and others brought all of the trimmings. The food was really good, the fellowship great, and I sure hope there will be some more invitations in the future!



Mrs. Kenneth G. Russell

Marjorie Adair Hughes and Kenneth Gary Russell were married Friday, August 1, at the home of Rev. Peebles, pastor of the Hope Church of Christ. Marjorie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes of Houston, Tex., and a graduate of Henderson. She taught speech, drama and Spanish at West Plains, Mo. last year and will attend U. of A. this semester under a fellowship toward her Masters. Marjorie was born in Prescott but her father's work has enabled her to live in Cuba; Sidney, Australia; Rome, Italy; and Tripoli, Greece. Gary is the son of Mr. and

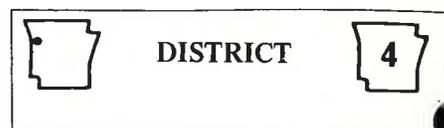
Mrs. K. G. Russell of Hope. He attended Henderson two years and is now the field clerk in the Hope residency. The couple honeymooned in Houston and are now at home in Hope until the end of the month when Gary will be leaving us to join the Air Force. Congratulations to both of you and we wish you much happiness in the future.



Michael Hartsfield



Karen Hartsfield



Alma Residency

by Ginger Helton

August

Here's the news from all of us out here in the woods! The weather has been so hot and dry until the past few days, that we gave up playing horseshoes during lunch and started playing dominoes inside where it is cooler. Dominoes is safer than horseshoes, too, seeing how some of us throw kind of wild.

Bill Bice and family have returned from their vacation and report they had a great time, especially at Disneyland. Bill's daughter Jean has entered Weaver Airline School in Kansas City, Mo. for stewardess training.

We are glad to have two new employees aboard, Jerry Steinsiek and Mack Baxter.

Sam Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Young, were both in the hospital recently but they have returned home and Sam says they are as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Randall's son Dennis has returned home from his stay in the hospital and reported doing fine.

Nick Mings' five-year-old daughter Robin Lee was first runner-up in the "Little Miss Firecracker" contest held in Paris on July 4.

Don Wilkinson took a few days off to go fishing, but seems he might as well continued working for all the fish he caught. Mrs. Wilkinson has been visiting in Dallas, Tex. but Don went after her last week. Think he got tired of "batching".

We enjoyed a visit paid us by Mrs. Jack Coleman (the boss's wife) and two of their children, Rebecca and Neal.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Otis Morse due to the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Shores of Mulberry and to the Nick Mings family because of the death of his niece, Debra Kuykendall in California.



Don Teague, Helen Glanton, Linda Hartsfield and Vinie Mae Holt.



Gerry Holt



James Holt



Edna Lewallen - "The Shy One"

Pictured are some of our district headquarter's employees. Don Teague has been with us for a while but has just been promoted to assistant stock clerk. Helen Glanton is the bookkeeper and has been working for several months. She has two children, Bennie Kay, 9, and Jeffery Ray, 7. Linda Hartsfield has just been hired as a clerk-typist. She has four children, James who is attending A & M in Anchorage, Alaska; Lynn who is married and also lives in Anchorage; Michael, 13; and Karen Ann, 10. Her husband, Edgar, is retired from the Air Force and is now assistant hatchery manager at Corn Belt in Hope. Vinie Mae Holt replaced Don as fuel clerk. She has two children, Gerry, 6, and James, 10 months. Her husband George, is employed by Hawkins and Associates of Texarkana.

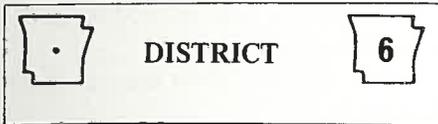
Also pictured is Edna Lewallen who has been our payroll clerk for many years and is our "most experienced" office help. As you can readily see, she is a little shy when it comes to getting her picture taken.

(That will teach you to turn your back to the camera, Edna. Ed.)

This reporter recently visited the central office and enjoyed meeting the girls in Mr. Hurley's office and having lunch in the building cafeteria. I was quite impressed with the beautiful building and the view from the tenth floor windows.

We finally got our clock fixed, thanks to James Hamilton. For a while there I didn't know when to eat, go home or anything else.

Well, people, that's it for this time. So, bye for now.



Jim Gee's Residency

Cons. Insp. Pat Thornton and Kenneth Perry killed this monster, a five-foot, three-inch long timber rattler with 16 rattlers while working on the U. S. 67 relocation job for Bill Dodds. One shot through the head with a .22 rifle and a bad snake became a good snake.



Pat Thornton (left), and Kenneth Perry

Radio Station KMYO's "Secretary of the Day" honor was bestowed upon Barbara Mize, field clerk, on August 15. Prizes included a desk trophy, a gift from Terri's Closet, flowers from the Flower Box, and a shampoo and set from Larry's Red Carpet. Barbara is an efficient, industrious worker and was certainly deserving of the accolade.

The last, but certainly not the least of our news is that boss Jim Gee recently passed his professional engineer's examination. That is a milestone in his life for which we offer hearty congratulations.



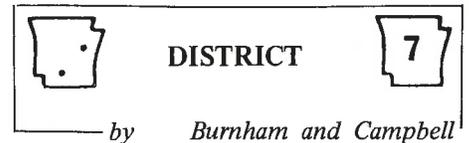
Jim Gee

The following poem, whose author is unknown, was submitted by Pat Thornton. This bit of philosophy might aptly be entitled:

Pickled or Planted

*The horse and mule live thirty years
and nothing know of wines and beers.
The goat and sheep at twenty die
And never taste of Scotch or Rye.
A cow drinks water by the ton
And at eighteen is mostly done.
The dog at fifteen cashes in
Without the aid of rum and gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in twelve short years it croaks.
The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at ten.
All animals are strictly dry:
They sinless live and swiftly die;
But sinful, ginful rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.
And some of them, a very few
Stay pickled till they're ninety-two.*

— Anonymous



by Burnham and Campbell

Dear hearts and gentle people, we are missing you and are looking forward to the combined issue of our magazine and catching up on the news from fellow employees over the State.

We are proud of our employees, who received service awards: 20-year awards to Maxwell Shelton Smith, Hwy. Engr. Aide IIIA; and William Aubrey Herring, Equip. Oper. II; 10-year award to Thomas Lee Lindsey, Equip. Oper. III; and 5-year awards to Tony Leon Tellus, Equip. Oper. II; James Robert McVay, Hwy. Engr. Aide IIB at El Dorado and Carroll Conrad Sanders, Hwy. Engr. Aide IIIB at Magnolia, both in Construction.

Congratulations to:

Norman D. Pumphrey who was promoted to assistant construction engineer and is now working out of the Little Rock office. Norman has been a resident engineer at Camden the past 7½ years: We miss you and are always happy to have you come in for a chat when you are in the District, Norman.

Robert E. Myers, former assistant resident engineer, is our new resident engineer at Camden. We are quite proud to have someone within this District to fill the shoes of Mr. Pumphrey. Best wishes to both Norman & Bob in their new positions.

We are happy to welcome back an old friend, William P. Anderson, who came to work August 8 in District 7. He was transferred from District 8. Bill received his B.S.C.E. from the University of Arkansas since working as a draftsman in this district several years ago. He is employed as Hwy. Civ. Engr. IIB in the Camden resident engineer's office.

Miss Susan Burnham, daughter of Sula and Harlan Burnham, is teaching Spanish and English in St. Paul High School this school term.

Note for the day: Los Angeles has the Dodgers and the Angels. Traffic demands you be one or the other.

Kenneth Dean Hearnberger is pretty nearly the boss around his house. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Flody Dean Hearnberger, and his daddy is a maintenance repairman.



Kenneth Dean Hearnberger

IN MEMORIAM



Pfc. Jerry James Curtis

We extend our sympathies to Mr. & Mrs. George Henry Curtis (Equip. Oper. III) and family, whose 20-year-old son, Pfc. Jerry James Curtis, was killed in combat in Vietnam on August 19. Jerry enlisted in the U. S. Marines in 1968. He was buried with full military honors on August 29. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Randy and Mickey Curtis, and his grandfather, Henry H. Curtis, all of Camden.

**THE LIFE OF A
RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT**

(The following anonymous poem is shared with our readers from South Carolina Highways magazine.)

If he is usually in the office, he should get out more often.
 If he gets out or is out when you call, he isn't on the job.
 If he is at home nights, he is neglecting outside contacts on his project.
 If he isn't home nights, he is wasting his time on frivolous things.
 If he talks on a subject, he is trying to run things.
 If he is silent, he has lost interest or he has an inferiority complex.
 If he agrees with you, he lacks originality or conviction.
 If he doesn't agree with you, he is ignorant.
 If he is too busy for casual talk, his job has gone to his head.
 If he engages in casual talk, that is all he has to do.

If he can't give you an immediate answer, he is incompetent.
 If he can give you an immediate answer, he doesn't think things through.
 If he appears cordial, he is playing politics.
 If he appears aloof, he should be trimmed down to size.
 If he has a strong opinion, he is bull-headed.
 If he tries to see both sides of the question, he is pussyfooting.
 If he is on the job a short time, he lacks experience.
 If he is on the job a long time, he is in a rut!
 If he is well-dressed, he is a big shot.
 If he isn't well-dressed, he is not a proper representative of the Highway Department.
 If he takes a vacation, he's been on one all year.
 If he doesn't take a vacation, he is trying to give the impression that the office can't get along without him.

**AHD BOWLING TEAMS
RESUME PLAY**



The Highway bowling league has been organized for the season and the usual pin-scattering is underway each Monday evening. The teams and employees playing on them are:

Traffic Engineering: Bill Rainwater, Jimmy Waddle, George Major, Jim Barnett and Charles Rain.

Secondary Roads: Jerry Bobeck, John Sage, Max Hall, John Adams and Dale Loe.

P & R Mapping: Marlin Powell and Charles Frazier.

Roadway Design: Arlo Waggoner, Paul Haydon, Bob Mize, Brooks Nichols, Rick Henriksen and Don Galloway.

M & T: John Redding, Joe Magness and R. C. Turney.

Internal Audit: Ronnie Cofer and R. B. Keene.

Radford Equipment: Jerry Conway.

The Bureau of Public Roads team (which seems almost like a part of the Highway Department) is presently leading the league and Secondary Roads is No. 2. The BPR team is composed of Tom Rains, Dennis Jones, Ben Evans, Bernard Babb, Morris Rinehardt, Jake Sandlin and Rex Leathers.

Coming Events

The Ozark Frontier Festival & Craft Show is growing by leaps and bounds, and this year promises to be the largest yet. In keeping with the celebration of Arkansas' territorial sesqui-centennial, this year's events promise to be most outstanding.

For instance, an authentic Indian performance will be given on Saturday night, October 11 featuring Cherokee Indians from Tsa-La-Gi Village near Tahlequah, Okla. It was the Cherokees who made the forced march through Arkansas on the infamous Trail of Tears.

Music of the 1800's will be presented by the Arkansaw Travellers of the Arkansaw Traveller Folk Theatre at Hardy at the Saturday night program which is being held in a new \$120,000 amphitheatre at Seven Springs Park in Heber Springs. Other activities include Kangaroo Court to be held on the Court Square daily from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; an 1890 beard and pioneer dress contest on Friday night at the amphitheatre; a street dance on the Court Square on Friday night from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and a parade at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, the 11th.

An estimated 25,000 persons attended last year's event.

REALLY RUBBISH!

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in rain. Therefore, a party of four, eating on the way to the ballgame, say, can litter the highway for miles if they toss out the trash as they finish with it.

So, please! we adjure you to enjoy all the drive-in food you wish, but please! avail yourselves of the trash containers placed at most all such establishments for your convenience, or use the many "drive-by" trash barrels placed alongside the highways — also for your convenience.

Litterers Equated With Pigs

A survey made to determine why people litter showed that the public has a very low opinion of "litterbugs", and categorized them with pigs; yet the survey also found that almost every person surveyed had littered in the recent past. Puzzling, isn't it? Or shall we say, aren't we?

"What does your boy plan to be when he graduates from college?" asked one father.

"I'm not really sure," replied the other, "but judging from the letters he writes home, I'd say he was going to be a professional fund raiser."

THIS'LL KILL YA



First college student: "You look distressed."

Second student: "Yeah. I wrote home for money for a study lamp."

First student: "So what?"

Second student: "They sent the lamp."

Middle age is that difficult period between juvenile delinquency and senior citizenship when you have to take care of yourself.

Husband: "Honey, if I had it to do over again, do you know whom I'd marry?"

Wife: "No, I don't. Who?"

Husband: "You."

Wife: "Oh, no, you wouldn't!"

When teenagers dance nowadays, they don't talk, don't touch, don't even look at each other. It's like being married for 50 years.

Prison guard: "What's wrong, Charlie?"

Lifer: "I just won a free two weeks' vacation in Hawaii."

A woman was testifying against a man who had made an obscene suggestion to her. When asked to repeat what he had said, the woman was too embarrassed to say it, so she was asked to write it down on a piece of paper.

The paper was passed around the courtroom to the D.A., the defending attorney and the judge. Finally it was given to the jury.

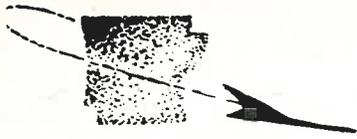
The first man read it and passed it on to the next man, who also read it and passed it on to the young woman next to him. She read it and was about to pass it on when she noticed that the young man next to her was sleeping. She nudged him and handed him the note.

He read the note, smiled, nodded — and put it in his pocket.

Don't forget that people judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hardboiled egg.

Fussy diner in a restaurant: "Yes, waiter, I'll have lamb chops, mashed potatoes, peas and salad. And make the chops lean."

Waiter: "Which way, sir?"



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Where is it?



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? is Salado Creek just off U.S. 67 near the roadside park south of Batesville. Nathan Garrett of Right of Way was the only person to identify it.

We failed to recognize Helen McCook of the Mail Room in the June-July-August issue for having been the first person who identified the May Where Is It? Sorry, Cookie.